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Re: New Patent Application
For: SOFTWARE TOOL TO ALLOW FIELD
PROGRAMMABLE SYSTEM LEVEL DEVICES
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and
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Sir:

This is a request for a continuation application under
37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of U.S. patent application having serial

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no. 09/354,955, and filing date of July 16, 1999, entitled
SOFTWARE TOOL TO ALLOW FIELD PROGRAMMABLE SYSTEM LEVEL DEVICES,
by the following inventors:

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the filing date of which is hereby claimed for common subject
matter under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Enclosed herewith are the following papers for filing in the
United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the
above-identified patent application:

1. Abstract (1 page) and Specification (31 pages) and with
the equivalent of 6 claims, including 2 independent
claims;
2. Two (2) sheets of informal drawings;
3. Preliminary Amendment A;
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
5. Information Disclosure Statement I.

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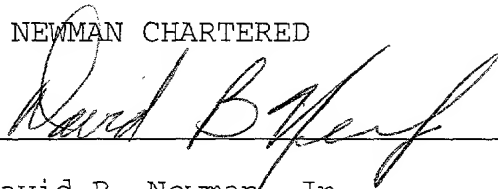
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